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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From Wedneſday December 13th. to Friday December 15th. 1710.

APOLLO,

Q. WE *Read in the firſt* Chapter *of* Deuteronomy, *and* 28th Verſe, The Cities are great, and Walled up to Heaven. *I deſire to know the Height of thoſe* Walls.

A. It is not *Moſes* that ſays this of himſelf, but he relates it as the Hyperbolical Speech which thoſe lying Spies, that were ſent to view the Land of *Canaan*, uſed upon their return, to diſcourage the *Iſraelites* from going thither. Notwithſtanding ſuch Exceſſes of Speech are ſometimes Figuratively uſed by Divine as well as Humane Writers, when they would raiſe the Mind to an extraordinary Apprehenſion of Things that are in themſelves extraordinary. And this no more derogates from the Veracity of thoſe inſpired Writers, than their uſing of a Metaphor, when a more vulgar Expreſſion will not repreſent the Idea ſo well. The Imperfection of Languages, and the manner of our Conceptions render this Liberty in Speech almoſt neceſſary.

Q. Gentlemen, *Earneſt Buſineſs has Obliged me to come to* London, *and I am here deſir'd by a Friend to ſtand God-father to his Child; my ſhort ſtay in* London, *and the uncertainty of my ſeeing the Child or* London *any more, makes me doubtful whether I ought to ſtand as a Surety. Your ſpeedy Anſwer to this will Oblige,*

Your Admirer, W. R.

A. The Reaſon you offer, is, we think, ſufficient to excuſe you from undertaking this Charge. There is nothing that brings this Order of the Church into greater Contempt, or gives greater Occaſion to refractory Spirits of cavilling againſt it, as an unreaſonable and troubleſome Impoſition, than the choice of improper Perſons for executing this Truſt. And at the ſame, we cannot ſee with what Conſcience a Man can make a Solemn Promiſe in the Face of the Church, which he is never like to perform.

Q. Gentlemen, *I deſire to know which is moſt proper for a Miniſter of the Goſpel, to wear a Gown or a Cloke; becauſe we Read in the* 4th Chapter *of the* 2d Book *of* Timothy, *and the* 13th Verſe, *that* Paul *ſaid to* Timothy; When thou comeſt bring with thee my Cloke, *not mentioning a* Gown?

A ſpeedy Anſwer will highly Oblige,

Yours, J. S.

A. This is but a weak Argument to prove that a Cloke is the moſt proper Habit for a Miniſter of the Goſpel for theſe three Reaſons. 1. Becauſe it is with good Reaſon doubted whether the Word here is rightly Tranſlated Cloke. For to make the Word in the *Greek* τὸν φελόνην bear this Signification, they are forced to ſuppoſe it to be by Tranſpoſition φενόλην and ſo derived from the *Latin* Word *penulam*, which ſignifies a thick Travelling Cloke uſed in rainy or cold Weather. But the moſt Ancient *Syriac* Interpreter takes φελόνην to mean a Desk or Caſe for Books and Writings, to which Opinion *Hyſychius*, a moſt Learneed *Greek* Grammarian, inclines. And this ſeems the more probable from the mention of Books and Parchments here immediately ſubjoined. 2. Granting this Word to ſignify a Cloke, we cannot from hence collect what was the ordinary Habit of the Apoſtle, this being a Garment which the *Romans* only uſed in riding, and differing in ſhape from an *Engliſh* Cloke. 3. What ſort of Habit beſt becomes this Order to uſe in the Courſe of common Life, both for the Gravity of their Place and for Example ſake to other Men, is a matter too frivolous to be diſputed of. Without having Recourſe to the Example of the Apoſtles, a ſmall meaſure of Wiſdom will teach them how they ſhou'd cut their Coats. But it argues a Mind ſtrangely tainted

with Pride and Singularity, to find fault with the Orders that Publick Wisdom has establisht about matters of such trivial Concern.

Q. Gentlemen, *I am Young Man not* 18 *now, and a Year and half ago, I fell in Love with a Person about* 27 *Years Old, of no Fortune, who, after I had made my Passion known to her, gave me all the encouragement I could expect. I being then in Business in a Merchants employ, I acted so carelesly minding nothing but her I loved, that I justly feared being turned away; to prevent which, about a Quarter of a Year since, I got another Clerks Place, and since our parting, we before living in one House, she Writes to me continually very Passionate Letters, I return like Answers, but yet at the bottom of my Heart, I find I could freely be Banish'd her Presence without reluctancy, and have not that Love for her I had when we met every Day. I attribute this coldness to my being cloyed with favors tho' none Criminal, her Love increaseth daily; every time I see her she gives me fresh Instances of her Affection, and saith, if I perform not my Promises, she shall make away with herself. Now I know if I Marry her, I shall never be look'd upon by my Friends and Relations, they being considerable and she of mean Extract, and then I have no way to maintain her, and then we shall be both miserable, she having nothing nor none to help. It is true I have Promised let what would fall out I would have her, but since I have considered otherwise; another thing is she is much Superiour in Age, almost* 10 *Years, and she is adjudged by them that don't know her to be* 10 *Years Older then she is. I am out of Place now again by following her, I spent so much time that I neglected my Business. It is true I have a very great respect for her and she should have my best Services, but as for Marriage I know it is ridiculous to think on it, but I now do still promise her, yet when parted I make a promise I will neither Write nor go to her again, yet I am overcome by her endearing Carriage when I am with her. I have spent my Time, lost my Credit with my Friends, and now am destitute of Business, being at home with my Parents, which I think lead me a sad Life, continually ringing peales in my Ears of my Mismanagement in my two Places which I left by following my Mistriss too much, tho' they nor none of my Friends know any thing of her, but know that by my being much out disobliged my Superiours, and they deny their Assistance any more; so I beg your Advice and Answer to the following Queries.*

1st. *Whether it is advisable to Marry the Person considering what has been related above.*

2d. *If not Marry yet to keep a Frindly Correspondence with her, tho' under the same Notion of Marriage till I can provide for my self in Business.*

3d. *What Business you would Advise me to take up, I would willingly Travel with any Gentleman beyond Sea in any employment, not wearing a Livery.*

In Answering which you will much Oblige,

Your Admirer, J. S————s.

A. You have acted with a great deal of Imprudence; but being under Age, you cannot engage your self without your Parents Consent. All you have to do is to Repent of your Faults you have Committed; and endeavour to convince her, that such Intermarriage, void of support on both sides, will tend to both your Ruins; nor will the Disparity of Years, be any great Security, for the maintaining mutual Affection. When you have given your definitive Resolutions, by no means entertertain any Correspondence after with her. As for her Threats to make away with her self, few that design it, tell their Minds before. Besides she must excuse us, if we suspect, her pretended Passion, be not only a design for some conveniency she stands in need of, for her Years seem to be past such captivating Fondnesses.

Q. Gentlemen, *I have a long time desired to know the Reason of this,* viz.

Why a Dog turns round so often before he lies down? Pray, fail not to send your speedy Answer, &c.

A. This was Answer'd in our first Volume which will be Publish'd in Octavo very speedily.

Q. Gentlemen, *I would desire to know why Plumb-Pye is Eaten at* Christmas, *and no time else. Pray return your speedy Answer.*

A. This was formerly Answer'd, for which Consult our Indexes.

The Person, who desir'd an Answer concerning his Relation in the last *Apollo*, Afflicted with an Intermitting Fever, and is since in Despair, is desired to leave Directions at the Printer's hereof, where the Person may be spoken with by one, who was in the same Condition.

POEMS.

BIBLIOTHECA BODLEIANA

Q. YOUNG Silvia I Lov'd,
And Constant had prov'd,
So much she engaged my Fancy;
Had she not too easy,
Shewn Favours to please me,
On which I address'd me to Nancy.

But Nancy *prov'd froward,*
And very untoward,
And Quarrel'd without any Reason.
So that I profess,
I never cou'd Guess,
When 'twas for Amours, the best Season.

Then her I gave over,
To be Cloe's *Lover,*
But she with the Vapours, that Evil,
So much had been tainted,
Sometimes I was Sainted,
And sometimes she thought me a Devil.

This ne'er wou'd agree
With a Rover, like me,
Who had not much time to attend her,
Or Skill cou'd impart,
In the Physical Art,
Wou'd give any Prospect to mend her.

Celinda *on this,*
Was th' Object of Bliss,
But I found all her Thoughts were display'd,

So

So much on her ſelf,
Th'affected Fair Elf,
Obſerv'd not a Word that I ſaid.

Now as I'm a Beau,
All thoſe you well know,
Such Treatment can never endure;
So 'twas not an Hour,
I was in her Power,
Before ſhe effected a Cure.

Then Celia *next reign'd,*
With Charms which were feign'd,
For I found that my Beautiful Saint,
Did owe all to Art,
And that my poor Heart,
Was Dying for Patches and Paint.

Urania *the Coy,*
Was then all my Joy,
And a mighty Impreſſion did make;
But ſhe was Religious,
Which made her Litigious,
And 'd ſlight me, I knew, for a Rake.

Bright Cloris *came after,*
S'addicted to Laughter,
That ſeriouſly tho' I addreſt,
I ne'er cou'd conceive,
Any Grounds to believe,
But that I was always her jeſt.

A great number more,
Beyond theſe before,
I Courted at ſeveral Times;
With Songs and with Dances,
To ſome made advances,
With Proſe ſome, and others with Rhimes.

Now ſay if amiſs,
I have done in this,
Or was it a Crime to decieve 'em;
Since I could ne'er prove,
Such Reaſons to Love,
As ſoon I found after to have 'em.

Not once cou'd I find,
Came up to my Mind,
With all her bright Vertues and Darts;
Or that did Inherit,
So noble a Spirit,
Wou'd Anſwer my Exquiſite Parts.

And yet I am willing,
For Toying and Billing,
Where Merit with Beauty is mixt;
And therefore I bow,
T'your Shrine *very low,*
T'inſtruct me, which way to be fixt.

CORIDON.

A. We always ſhall bear,
Such Zeal to the Fair,
To ſerve 'em; we cannot aſſiſt,
So Rakiſh a Rover,
Commencing a Lover,
Whoſe Paſſion is loſt in a Miſt.

And therefore e'en Range,
And ev'ry Day Change,
The Crime we'll abſolve with much eaſe,
For there's no great Danger,
From ſuch a lewd Ranger,
Who never is likely to pleaſe.

The Ladies might be,
Offended if we,
Forbearance in *Coridon* preſt;
Who thence might ſuppoſe,
Our Envy aroſe,
To Cancel their pleaſanteſt Jeſt.

But if full reſolv'd,
You're to be involv'd,
In faſt Matrimonial Rites;
Altho' from your Creed,
You'll hardly ſucceed,
With Ladies, abus'd by your ſlights.

There's no way but one,
For this to be done,
That's juſtly your value to Prize;
Not ſo as you ſeem,
To your ſelf in a Dream,
But as you appear to the Wiſe.

If one then you find,
Of th' whole Female kind,
On your Level; your Influence mix:
When t'ſuch you Addreſs,
And your Paſſion Confeſs,
You then will unenvy'd fix.

In the laſt *Apollo*, Col. 3. Lin. 36. for, *little Body*, read, *little Boy*,

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SIR,

THE Advices from Shields, Dec. 9th. Adviſe that the Day before came in the Strumbulo from the Northward, having loſt both her Top Maſts in the bad Weather. Several others are damag'd; That from Briſtol, Dec. 11th. They Write laſt Night arriv'd there a Gally in three Weeks from Barcelona, whence ſhe came out in Company with a Ship of London, for Gibraltar, one for Lisbon, and two of this Port for London; on the 25th paſt, they joined a Gally of and for London, ar Gibraltar, and another of this Place, who this Day arriv'd here; That by the hard Wind on Saturday Night, ſeveral Ships ſuffer'd great Damage; That the Jamaica Frigat is much bulged. That from Portſmouth they Write that one of the Tranſports outward-bound, is forc'd on Shore and loſt.

London,

London, December, the 15th.

That a Ship is arriv'd at Barnſtaple, fro Boſton in New England, with Advice, That Her Majeſty's Forces, under the Command of Col. Nicholſon, had made themſelves Maſteri of Port-Royal in *Nova Scotia*, with little or no Loſs on our Side; that Col. Vetch is made Governor of the Garriſon left there, and Sir Charles Hobby Lieutenant-Governor; and that Col. Nicholſon deſigns to return with the Maſt-Fleet; That on Wedneſday his Grace the Duke of Beaufort, as alſo his Grace the Duke of Hamilton, were ſworn of Her Majeſty's Moſt Hon. Privy-Council, and they took their Placas at the Board accordingly; That the Allegations and Deffence of Mitford Crow, Eſq; late Governor of Barbedoes, were reported in his behalf; That the Court deſigns to go out of Mourning on Chriſtmas-day next; That the Price of Wheat, at Farnham-Market, laſt Thurſday, was about 10*l. per* Load; more under than over.

Which is all from Yours, &c.

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A General Meeting of the Subſcribers was held at *Sadler's-Hall*, in *Cheapſide*, on *Thurſday*, *October* the 19, 1710, and a Second Six Truſtees were added to the former, to whom Security is given, puſuant to the Propoſals which may be had *Gratis*, at the Office.

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N. B. This Office hath met with ſuch ſucceſs, that above Fourteen hundred Perſons have already ſubſcribed, and it is not doubted but will be compleat within five or ſix Weeks, at which time they begin to pay Claims the ſaid Mr. Edwards having, before his death cauſed 12 Truſtees to be choſen or elected at Sadler's-Hall, to whom Security is given, according to the Articles of Settlement, and who are impowered to ſuppoſt and encourage the ſaid Widow in her Adminiſtratrix in her lawful Undertakings, notwithſtanding the groundleſs and malicious Aſperſions of ſome People.

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